

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman David Reynolds. Minutes read and approved by Jerry Thornburg, acting Secretary in absence of Relda Castles.

Attendance - Members present, David Reynolds, Gregg Schoh, Bruce Young, Janet Heinze, Dave Anderson and Jerry Thornburg - Excused Relda Castles.

Agenda Items

1. Zone change request by Dan Hogan for property at 207 Caroline Point Rd.
2. Jerry Thornburg's reappointment request letter.
3. Ben William's Park and a public meeting to get responses from residences as to preferences for park.
4. Open for public comment.

Old Business

1. The 5 acre park named Ben William's Park

David Reynolds suggested public announcements and a meeting to receive input from residences stating their desires for the Ben Williams Park. David suggested contacting the school and possibly sending home with the children, a request to give input on how the families feel Ben Williams Park could best be utilized and what improvements they feel could better serve the area residences. Bruce Young volunteered to contact the school. Jerry Thornburg volunteered to request Gale (wife) who's a member of the Ambassador's Club to get with the Chamber of Commerce on how they also could get the word out on the Ben Williams Park. David Reynolds agreed to have any written communications be sent to him at P.O. Box 298, Lakeside, MT 59922. Trevor Scheaffer in attendance, also expressed his interest and willingness to support efforts at Ben Williams Park.

2. David Reynolds presented a letter from Jerry Thornburg requesting approval for full term director on Lakeside Community Council. Gregg Schoh also presented a letter from William Buxton and as requested by Mr. Buxton, submitted to the council for approval for full term director on Lakeside Community Council.

David opened the floor for discussion or motions and Bruce Young and Gregg Schoh made motions respectively and Janet Heinze and Bruce Young respectively seconded the motions. Both were approved unanimously. The acting secretary will prepare a letter to the Commissioners.

3. Charles Lapp updated the council on the subdivision project at Grayling Road as they are in the holding pattern for construction temporarily while waiting on DEQ? Charles expects the project to be 1-8 units per acre including 5 duplex units which he's added. Charles expects to have more detailed plans by the May meeting.

4. Gregg Schoh asked the council if the May council meeting might be a good time to have Lisa Horowitz attend and speak to the meeting about the County Growth plan and how the Lakeside Neighborhood plan might be updated to meet current codes and become part of the overall county growth policy. The council agreed on the may meeting. Gregg will advise Lisa.

New Business

1. Bruce Young reported on the Westshore Community Assistance Program and how they met and discussed the importance of transportation assistance for seniors with transportation needs while anxiously awaiting for the county bus system to put in place a regular and consistent route, including Lakeside. Bruce also stated the food pantry is doing well (the food pantry is part of the Westshore Community Assistance Program) and is now serving more people monthly (approximately 300) than it ever has before.

2. Steve Russo, in attendance, spoke on behalf of the Lakeside QRU, emergency services, asking the council for help in finding population data which reflects area growth, so the QRU can plan for future growth in terms of services provided, as well as volunteer needs, equipment and facility needs as the area grows and the emergency services required grows exponentially with the population. David Reynolds stated he would contact the county and get someone for Steve to contact that may help him. David has 13 years experience in emergency services and felt he may be able to help.

One concern Steve stated, was the need for the new ambulance and that new ambulances were manufactured such that one would not fit into the existing QRU facility. Before spending money or remodeling, Steve felt the QRU could benefit by looking at the growth projections of the area served and weigh the values of staying put or searching for other locations which might serve the future demands of the increasing population. Steve noted the volunteers with the Lakeside QRU have shrunk from 26 to currently near 20 in the recent past.

3. David Reynolds brought before the council the zone change request received from Flathead County Planning & Zoning office by Dan Hogan for the property at 201 Caroline Point Road (legal, TR 4# IN NE 45W4) to change current R2 zoning to R4. Gregg Schoh expressed concerns that the rezoning could allow the site to have 39 separate lots and anywhere close to that number would, in his opinion, be unacceptable. After thorough discussion between council member, the council agreed to recommend approval of the rezoning, contingent that the zoning allow only the 6 to 8 duplex condominium units planned by the application, and any variations be resubmitted. With all agreeing, Gregg made the motion and Janet seconded and all present voted to approve. A letter to Planning & Zoning will be prepared and delivered.

Bruce Young made a motion to adjourn and Gregg Schoh seconded, motion carried and meeting was adjourned.